

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment and Response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 12, 2006. In that Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1, 10 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), allowed claims 12-15, and objected to claims 2-6, 11 and 19. By this Amendment and Response, claims 1, 10, and 16-18 are canceled, and claims 2, 11, and 19 are amended. Any modifications with respect to the claims are not meant to distinguish over the references cited by the Examiner, but instead are made to more completely and clearly point out and distinctly claim the features of the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-6, 11-15, and 19 are currently pending in the present application.

#### **Specification**

The Specification is objected to because it discusses Figure 1A, which the Examiner asserts does appear in the figures. As the Examiner and the undersigned discussed in a telephone conference on April 10, 2007, Figure 1A was included in the original application papers filed on April 16, 2004, and also in the “Formal Drawings” submitted on November 24, 2004. As discussed, this fully addresses the Examiner’s concerns. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the Specification is respectfully requested.

#### **Drawings**

The drawings stand objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: “coil spring 23.” As also discussed by the Examiner and the undersigned on April 10, 2007, the “coil spring 23” is shown in Figure 1A as originally filed on April 16, 2004, and thus, no further action is required in response to the Office Action. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102**

Claims 1, 10 and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,203,657 (Thompson). Without acquiescing, in order to advance

prosecution and expedite allowance of the case, the Applicant has canceled claims 1, 10, and 16-18. The Applicant expressly reserves all rights with respect to the canceled claims, including the right to file the claimed subject matter in future continuation applications.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 12-15, and objected to claims 2-6, 11 and 19 on the basis that they are dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment and Response, the Applicant has amended claims 2, 11, and 19 to include the features the corresponding base claims and any intervening claims. Specifically, the Applicant has amended claims 2 and 11 to include the features of claim 1, and the Applicant has amended claim 19 to include the features of claims 17 and 18. The Applicant believes that claims 2, 11, and 19 as amended are now allowable. Additionally, claims 3-6, which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 2, are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance in this case. If there are any remaining questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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